



The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

New CCDF Provider Eligibility Laws Effective July 1, 2014

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New Laws

- **During the past legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly passed new child care laws that will impact all unlicensed providers who receive payments through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) voucher program. (HEA1036).**
- **These new child care laws take effect on July 1, 2014.**





Will these new laws impact your program?

- **If you are an unlicensed provider receiving CCDF you must meet these new standards.**
 - **This includes:**
 - **Registered Ministries;**
 - **Unlicensed homes; and**
 - **Unlicensed facilities,**
that choose to accept CCDF vouchers.
- * Licensed child care homes and licensed child care centers are not impacted by these changes because these programs are already required to meet these standards.**





CCDF Minimum Standards Eligibility

- **HEA 1036 made several additions to the CCDF minimum eligibility standards, also known as CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards (PES) under IC12-17.2-3.5**
- **HEA1036 includes some changes that go into effect July 1, 2014 and other that are effective July 1, 2015**
- **This presentation will focus only on the laws that take effect on July 1, 2014.**





Changes Effective July 1, 2014

As of July 1, 2014, all unlicensed programs that receive CCDF must meet these new standards in addition to maintaining compliance with the current eligibility requirements contained in IC12-17.2-3.5.

Failure to meet these standards will result in decertification from the CCDF program.





Reporting Child Abuse and/or Neglect

As of July 1, 2014, unlicensed CCDF providers must:

- **Report Child Abuse and/or Neglect:**
 - If you, your staff or your volunteers have reason to believe that a child in your care is a victim of child abuse or neglect you are required under IC 31-33-5 to report it to the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-800-5556.
 - FSSA will supply you with written material about reporting child abuse and/or neglect so that you can give to your staff and volunteers.





Additional Resources on Reporting Requirements

- **The Indiana Department of Child Services has developed a public online training and information session that is very helpful and is free. The link is below.**
- **This online tool will be a great resource for all staff and volunteers. Your staff and volunteers must report suspected abuse and neglect. This information will show them how.**

<http://www.reportchildabuseandneglect.com/>





Telephone

As of July 1, 2014, unlicensed CCDF providers must :

- **Telephone:**
 - In addition to having a working telephone in each of the locations that you operate a child care program, you are required to have a communication device (which may be your telephone) that is compatible with automated time and attendance system for the CCDF voucher program.





Visits by FSSA

As of July 1, 2014, unlicensed CCDF providers must allow:

- **Visits by FSSA:**
 - If you refuse to allow, during child care business hours, the FSSA, or an agent of FSSA, to inspect the location where you operate a child care program you will be decertified as a CCDF provider.





Parent notification of an Injury or Death of Their Child

- **Injury or death of a child:**

You must notify a parent or legal guardian if a child in your care is injured. Also, you must immediately notify a parent or legal guardian if a child in your care has a serious bodily injury that requires medical attention (physician, dentist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, paramedic or emergency medical technician) or dies.





Required Reporting of Injuries and Deaths

- **You must also notify the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning (OECOSL, formally the Bureau of Child Care) within 24 hours of any injuries or serious bodily injuries to a child that require medical attention (physician, dentist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, paramedic or emergency medical technician) and immediately notify us in the event of a child's death.**
- **You may notify us at 1-877-511-1144 or you may notify your registration consultant or CCDF eligibility inspector.**





Remaining Questions?

- **If you have any unanswered questions, please call your CCDF inspector or registered ministry consultant- this person knows your child care program and your unique circumstances. They will be your best source of information.**
- **Other questions? Please email the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning at BCDGeneric.ServiceAccount@fssa.IN.gov**
- **Or call us at 1-877-511-1144**





- **Thank you for providing care to Hoosier children receiving CCDF vouchers. These children need and deserve the best care possible. Your compliance with the Provider Eligibility laws, including these new laws that take effect July 1, are essential to ensuring that children are healthy and safe while in child care.**

Sincerely,

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